

MEPs are not obliged to give details of the expenses and allowance they claim or are reimbursed for. The Irish Examiner submitted an identical list of seven questions relating to the amounts claimed or refunded by each of our 11 elected representatives in Brussels.

While nine of the 11 responded, the level of detail differed and the answers were presented in various formats, for example some MEPs did not provide details for the six months of 2014 remaining in the year after they were elected, while others did.

The main allowance given is the general expenditure allowance which currently stands at €4,513 after incremental increases in the past five years.

As no respondent said they had received less than the total or paid back any of this allowance the Irish Examiner calculated the maximum for each MEP. MEPs also currently get €320 every day they attend parliament, again this has been the subject of increases since 2014. While some MEPs gave exact figures, Brian Hayes, Seán Kelly, Mairéad McGuinness and Deirdre Clune provided estimates. The Examiner calculated their claims based on them attending three days for every week of business in Brussels and four days in the weeks parliament sat in Strasbourg.

Marian Harkin provided ballpark figures, which she explained and these explanations have been included in the main overview piece.

As Nessa Childers was returned to office in 2014, she provided figures for the entire 12 months and not just the six months of the new Parliament.

It is important to note that some MEPs gave details of the amount claimed in the first half-year of their term in 2014 and also provided expenses to date. Others only provided information for the four full years, 2015 - 2018. In these cases the years are blank.



**TOTAL
€ 517,829**

Lynn Boylan
(Sinn Féin)

TRAVEL	€
2014	15,463
2015	32,586
2016	27,599
2017	22,926
2018	23,113
Total	121,690

OUTSIDE EU	€
Total	358
DAILY	€
2014	19,406
2015	28,170
2016	24,727
2017	25,040
2018	27,231
2019	4,800
Total	129,374

MEDICAL	€
2014	140
Total	140
GENERAL	€
2014	27,078
2015	54,156
2016	54,156
2017	54,156
2018	54,156
2019	22,565
Total	266,267



**TOTAL
€ 627,313**

Brian Hayes
(Fine Gael)

TRAVEL	€
2014	17,881
2015	38,386
2016	37,215
2017	33,436
2018	37,219
Total	164,137

DAILY	€
2014	22,800
2015	42,228
2016	37,761
2017	38,682
2018	39,438
2019	16,000
Total	196,909

GENERAL	€
2014	27,078
2015	54,156
2016	54,156
2017	54,156
2018	54,156
2019	22,565
Total	266,267



**TOTAL
€ 646,271**

Matt Carthy
(Sinn Féin)

TRAVEL	€
2014	10,043
2015	51,577
2016	46,271
2017	41,082
2018	67,889
Total	216,865

DAILY	€
2014	16,720
2015	34,578
2016	33,201
2017	39,910
2018	38,655
Total	163,064

OTHER	€
2015	74
Total	74
GENERAL	€
2014	27,078
2015	54,156
2016	54,156
2017	54,156
2018	54,156
2019	22,565
Total	266,267



**TOTAL
€ 622,212**

Seán Kelly
(Fine Gael)

TRAVEL	€
2014	10,484
2015	34,277
2016	39,478
2017	34,666
2018	39,489
Total	158,396

OUTSIDE EU	€
Total	640
DAILY	€
2014	22,800
2015	42,228
2016	37,761
2017	38,682
2018	39,438
2019	16,000
Total	196,909

GENERAL	€
2014	27,078
2015	54,156
2016	54,156
2017	54,156
2018	54,156
2019	22,565
Total	266,267



**TOTAL
€ 709,625**

Mairéad McGuinness
(Fine Gael)

TRAVEL	€
2014	25,586
2015	47,767
2016	61,004
2017	55,497
2018	56,595
Total	246,449

DAILY	€
2014	22,800
2015	42,228
2016	37,761
2017	38,682
2018	39,438
2019	16,000
Total	196,909

GENERAL	€
2014	27,078
2015	54,156</